



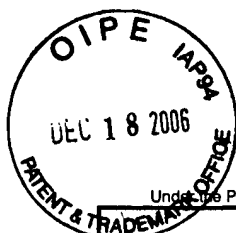
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		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
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<b>Fee Description</b>							
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
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Sir:

Applicant directs the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Applicant respectfully requests that the references be considered during the prosecution of this application, be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the U.S. filing date.

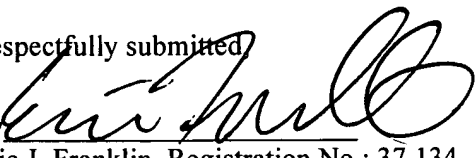
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications.

The relevance of DE 102 26 477 is explained by U.S. published patent application 2005/0173915, which corresponds thereto.

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